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Auburn High School

Auburn, Indiana

60th Reunion - Class of 1949

Fri. June 26th and Sat. 27th, 2009

Restored Sinclair Service Station - 1304 N. Main Street, Auburn

Cold Springs Hotel — Hamilton Lake, Indiana

Sinclair Service Station, 1304 N. Main Street. Photo taken November 2008

Cold Springs Hotel, Hamilton Lake. Photo taken 1949

City of
AUBURN
INDIANA
"Home of the Classics"

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June, 2009

WELCOME!

On behalf of the City of Auburn, we extend a warm invitation to the Auburn High School, Class of 1949 Alumni, as they visit Auburn for their 60th class reunion.

Auburn continues to improve as the "Home of the Classics". The Ford V-8 Museum and the Andy Granatelli museums are scheduled to open soon, providing homes for more valuable automotive history. We hope you will take an opportunity to re-visit some of our fine museums, which are sure to remind you of pleasant memories.

Rieke Park, on the former Auburn Airport site, is nearing completion, The Rieke Park Lodge has already hosted numerous meetings and graduation parties. A paved walking trail from North Van Buren Street ends at the north end of the property. Construction has started to complete the trail south to North Street, and north to Betz Road.

Two summers ago, the city was host for 20 sculptures from Steward Johnson Collection. During the summer of 2008, Twenty artists had specially decorated boxes on display. For the summer of 2009, The Downtown Auburn Business Association is sponsoring twenty artists and their decorated benches. The Auburn Arts Commission is currently making an attempt to bring the sculptures back in 2010. Many residents commented that having the sculptures downtown brought people back downtown, just like when they were growing up in Auburn.

We hope you will take time to stroll around the Courthouse Square and view the flowers and displays. Take a moment to sit at the waterfall located at Courtyard Park.

As Mayor, it's a pleasure for me to welcome the Auburn High School Class of 1949 to our beautiful historical city. We hope you enjoy the many amenities Auburn has to offer and best wishes for a successful reunion.

Sincerely,

Norman E. Yoder, Mayor

AUBURN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1949
60th ANNIVERSARY REUNION
JUNE 26th and 27th, 2009

REUNION COMMITTEE
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JOAN AND KEN MCINTURF
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SALLY PASCAL

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PROGRAM

FRIDAY NIGHT- SINCLAIR SERVICE STATION
5:30 THE GATHERING
6:30 DINNER

SATURDAY NIGHT- COLD SPRINGS HOTEL
5:00 THE GATHERING -
PLUS TIME
TO VISIT THE LAKE
AND DANCE HALL
5:45 DINNER
MEMORIAL
COMMENTS AND REPORTS
CLASS PICTURE

IN MEMORIAM

ALFRED BOBAY

MELVIN BOWMAN

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City National Bank and Schaab's Department Store, Auburn, Indiana. Photo taken in 1929. Photographer unknown.

History:
City National Bank: Northwest corner of South Main Street and West 8th Street
1929-1970 City Ntional Bank
1974 Attorney Warren Sunday purchaed the buildng and named ith the Sonntag building.
As of 2002 it is still the Sonntag building.

Schaab's Department Store, 107-127 South Main Street
1929-1949 Schaab & Brothers Department Store, C. A. Schaab, President
1948-1952 Schaab & Brothers Department Store, W. H. Schaab, President
1953-1965 Schaab's Department Store, Donald Schaab, owner
The name of the store changed when Donald Schaab became the owner.
1970, Schaab's Department Store moved to 138 East 7th Street.

Original Eckhart Public Library Photo Collection

The Kelso Davis Family
Auburn/Street Address/S. Main Street/103 S. Main Street
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Romeiser Drug Store

Davis, Kelso

Located at 103 South Main Street on the southwest corner of West 7th and South Main streets, Auburn, Indiana. Photo taken in 1946 by Davis Studio

History

1929 Walter Shewmaker Drugstore
1931 Romeiser Drug Store, Charles H. Romeiser, owner
1938-1970 Romeiser Drug Store, Carl W. Romeiser, owner
1971-1979 Keltsch Pharmacy, Clyde Leedy, Pharmacist
1980 No information
1981-1984 Mode O'Day, Mary Godby, owner
1985-1992 Fashion Crossroads, Mary Godby, owner
1993-2001 Big Red Sports, Paul Gower, owner

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The Kelso Davis Family
: Auburn/Street Address/N. Main St./310 N. Main Street
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YMCA
Davis, Kelso
YMCA
Located at 310 North Main Street, two blocks north of 7th Street on the east side of the street, Auburn, Indiana. This is a rear view of the YMCA on the east side. Later an addition was added in the vacant space. Photo was taken looking west from North Cedar Street by Davis Studio in 1980
History:
The building was built on the site of the Pioneer Hotel Tavern, also know as the Auburn House. The hotel was razed and the Y.M.C.A. was built and dedicated April 12, 1914. Charles and Frank Eckhart gave $40,000.00 for the building of the YMCA., if the community would guarantee an operating fund of 2,000.00 per year for 5 years. It was then estimated that operating expense would be $6,000.00 per year, but that the remaining $4,000.00 would come from fees and other income. The first board members were as follows: Charles Eckhart, Frank E. Eckhart, John Zimmerman, J. W. Sheffer, D. M Hines, George Geugnot, R. A. Wilson, H. D. Weaver, J. I. Farley, B. O. Fink and Larry Brandon.
The Y had a number of sleeping rooms on the second and third floors which were rented to young men who were working in Auburn. There was also a gym, pool, and later the Auburn Canteen for Auburn High School Students.
The Auburn institution was limited to men its first several years o f operation. In 1918 the board of directors discussed opening the "Y" to women's but were discouraged by the national organization from taking this step. The board persisted, however, and on December 22, 1921 adopted a policy opening the facility to women and girls during certain days and months. This was quickly expanded.
On September 13, 1981 a large new addition was dedicated containing a large gymnasium with a balcony track, a pool, two racquetball courts, a remodeled weight room and new men's and women's locker rooms with saunas and whirlpools. A Nautilus Center was added in 1985.
The house located on the south side of the building was moved to North Indiana Ave. to make room for parking at the facility.
Notes researched by Joyce Springer, 2003.

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Auburn City Hardware

Andres, Roberta

Auburn City Hardware

Located at 203 South Main Street on the southwest corner of West 8th and South Main Auburn, Indiana. Photo taken in June 1974 by Roberta Andres.

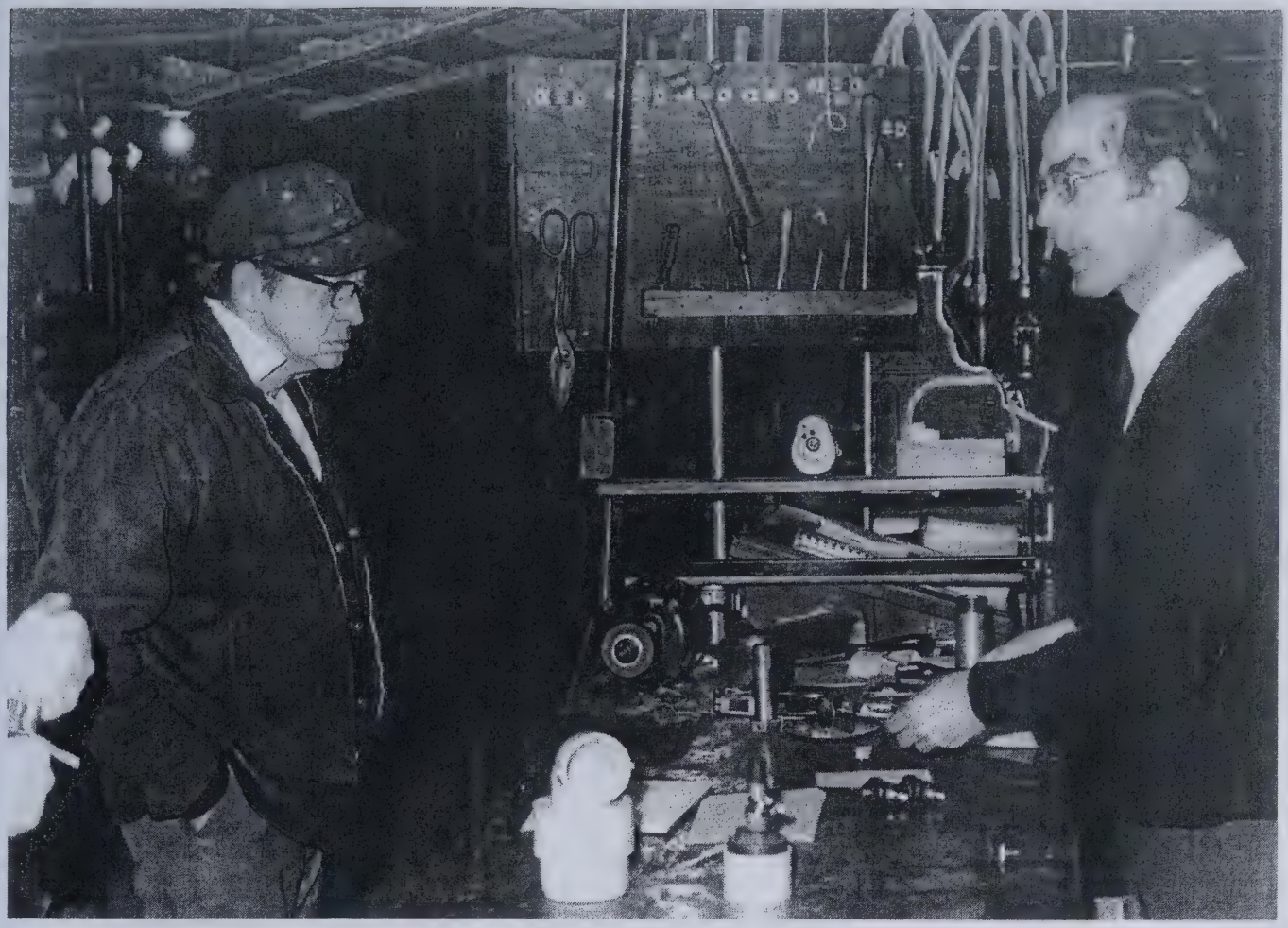
History

1929-1938: Auburn Hardware Retail, C. E. Frederick, manager

1940-1949: Auburn City Hardware, E. L Kokenge and Wm. A. Cooper, proprietors

1951-1956: Auburn City Hardware, E. L Kokenge, owner

1959-2002: Auburn City Hardware, Robert Kokenge, owner



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Title Auburn City Hardware

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Andres, Roberta

Description This photo shows owner of Auburn City Hardware, Bob Kokenge, handling parts for a customer while others wait. This is a work bench in the basement of the Auburn City Hardware. Bob is wearing cardigan sweater, shirt, and tie--others in work clothes.
Notes and research by Gretel Smith

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Original Eckhart Public Library Photo Collection

The Kelso Davis Family
: Auburn/Street Address/S. Main St./301 S. Main Street
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004-65
The Auburn Hotel
Andres, Roberta
Auburn Hotel
Located at 301 South Main Street, on the southwest corner of 9th and Main streets, Auburn, Indiana. Taken in June, 1974 by Roberta Andres
History:
The Swineford House was build around the late 1870's, located on the southwest corner of 9th and Main streets. There were 36 guest rooms
The Swineford house was sold by Perry Haffley to Donald Foust on December 6, 1915.
In 1919, Mr. Foust remodeled the old Swineford House into the Auburn Hotel. It was one of the finest in Indiana at that time and was operated by Mr. Foust into the 1970's.
It is presently owned by Roger Eddy of Portland Oregon and is used for room rental on Labor Day weekend during the Auburn Cord Duesenberg days. During the rest of the year rooms are rented out.
This picture also shows the Democratic Headquarters on the South Main Street side of the hotel. This was the location of the Cocktail Lounge, a nightclub of sorts in the 1940's.
The 4 Crowns restaurant can be seen on the West 9th Street side of the hotel (right side of the hotel).

The Court Theater

Unknown

The Court Theater
South Cedar Street between East 7th and East 8th streets on the east side of the DeKalb County Courthouse Square, Auburn, Indiana. Date of photo unknown.

History:
On September 15, 1929, the Court Theater gave its patrons its first presentation of talking pictures. Hobe Hart was the owner of the theater.
Inside the theater resembled a Spanish courtyard. The ceiling looked like the stars shining above. There were lights above the false ceiling which gave this effect. There were little balconies with shimmering curtains and niches in the walls with statues and garden urns. The theater also had a balcony. All in all the Court Theater was one of the most beautiful in this area.
13 of the hinged stage sets (12 feet wide by 18 feet high were rescued at the time of the theater demolition, circa 1970. They were stored for 30 years in a hayloft of a barn owned by Robert Sickmiller on County Road 56 south of Garrett, Indiana.
On July 10 2001, they were moved to the DeKalb County Historical Society's newly acquired museum building (formerly the Butler Carnegie Library) 201 East Main Street, Butler, Indiana.

Notes researched by Joyce Springer, 2003

Lockwood Sinclair Station

Davis, Kelso

Lockwood Sinclair Service Station
Located at 1304 North Main Street on the northeast corner of Main and Madison streets, Auburn, Indiana. Taken in 1940 by Davis Studio.

History:

1929-1933 Openlander Garage (within city limits) Olan Openlander, owner
1936-1942 Lockwood's Sinclair Service Station, Pat Lockwood, owner
1946-1952 Rathert Auto Service, Auto Repairs & Sinclair Products, Charles L. Rathert, owner
1953 Weinert Auto Truck Service, William D. Weinert, owner
1956 Weinert Auto Truck Service, William D. Weinert, owner
Carl's Service Station, Carl K. Unger, owner
1959-1984 D. & M. Motor Sales, Automobile Auto Dealers, Russell Morton, manager.
1985 Auburn Ford Motor Sales Used Car Lot, Russell, Morton, owner
1986 No information
1988-2001 The Carpet Gallery, James L. Johnson, owner
2007 Oscar Roberts III
Notes researched by Joyce Springer, 2003

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